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RECEPTACLE FOR SMOKING MATERIALS
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This invention relates to a novel construction for a receptacle for smoking materials, such as cigars and cigarettes, and more particularly to a receptacle or container which resembles a bound book in appearance, and therefore may occupy a position on a table or desk without attracting attention to its real purpose. In a sense, it is a novelty, but by reason of its novel construction, serves as a useful as well as ornamental article.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the receptacle in open position.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view of the receptacle taken on line 2-2 in closed position.

The receptacle consists generally of a cover 1 and a receptacle or tray 2, the former being made of the usual material of which books are bound; namely, leather, cloth or other suitable covering. The cover consists of two cover sections 3-3 and a rounded back section 4 having flexible connection with both cover sections.

The tray or receptacle 2 is made of a solid non-inflammable material, such as porcelain or other ceramic material having a glazed surface. The dimensions of the tray as well as its outer appearance, conforms to that of the pages or contents of a bound volume, so that when the same is positioned between the closed covers, it has every appearance of a closed book.

The tray 2 is removably secured to the cover 1 by means of binding posts 5, 5 which pass through openings 2p, 2s drilled or otherwise joined through the tray and adjacent to its rear edge. These posts also pass through hinged flaps 6, 6 secured to the inside of the cover, and extending along the flexible hinge connecting the stiff covers 3 with the back section 4. These flaps overlap the rear edges of the tray 2, and have holes punched therein to register with the posts 6, 6. The posts may be of any suitable form, preferably consisting of an internally threaded tubular portion 5a and an externally threaded screw 5b which telescope within each other, and provided with heads at opposite ends.

The tray preferably is made of glazed porcelain, as already stated, and of a hollow construction so that it will be as light as possible, the walls being about three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. The top surface of the tray is depressed to form several shallow compartments divided by partition walls 7, preferably of different sizes, so that different articles may be placed therein. In the arrangement shown, the larger compartment may be used for cigarettes and the smaller compartments for matches and an ash receiver. The partitions, however, can be omitted and the single receptacle used as a humidor for cigars.

As thus constructed, the tray can be readily removed from the cover and thus can be washed and otherwise kept clean, which would not be possible if it were fixed to the cover.

I claim as my invention:

1. An article of the class described comprising a tray of ceramic material moulded into the form of the contents of a book, and provided with a relatively shallow compartment, a cover of book binding material enclosing said tray provided with hinged flaps adapted to enclose the rear edges of said tray, and posts extending transversely through said tray and holes in said flaps to removably secure said tray within said cover.

2. An article of the class described, comprising a tray of glazed porcelain moulded into the form of the contents of a book and having a hollow interior and shallow compartments in one face thereof, a cover of book binding material enclosing said tray, one cover thereof forming a lid for said tray, said cover having hinged flaps engaging the rear edge of said tray and removable binding posts extending through openings in said tray and said flaps.

Signed at Chicago, Ill., this 11 day of October, 1926.

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